

XLVITH CONGRESS—III SESSION.

REGULAR REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
THE ALLEGED OUTRAGE AT WEST POINT CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE—THE UTE BILL AMENDED
—A FULL SESSION OF THE HOUSE.
SENATE.....WASHINGTON, April 9, 1880.

In the Senate to-day the House bill relative to Justice of the Peace in the Territories was passed. The House bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Paducah, Ky., was passed.

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Vt.) stated that the appropriations for public buildings favored actually on by the committee during the present Congress amounted to \$1,200,500.

The resolutions for printing 10,000 copies of the reports of the Entomological Commission on the Rocky Mountain Locust, and 5,000 copies of the report on Zoology were passed.

A resolution authorizing the printing of 30,000 copies of the report on the manufacture of sugar from beets, prepared by Commissioner Le Duc, was also passed; also, the House bill appropriating \$500,000 for the purpose of preparing a series in the City of Washington, to be known as "Dumont Circle," in which is to be erected a bronze statue of Admiral Dupont.

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The President sent to the Senate nominations to be presented this afternoon: W. J. P. L. Thompson, of Philadelphia, to be Surveyor of the Customs in the District of Pennsylvania; John W. Barr, of Louisville, to be United States Dist. Att. Judge for the District of Kentucky, and several postmasters.

CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Senate, in executive session yesterday, confirmed the following nominations:

Charles A. Adams, of Colorado, to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to India; and William H. Clegg, of California, to be Register of the Land Office at San Fran. C. C. Vining, at Cottage City, Mass.; L. C. Curtis, at Horaceville, N. Y.; H. F. Doty, at Readine, Mich.; Lewis Lowbridge, at Middlebury, Ohio; George H. Moore, at Fort Smith, Ark.; Francis E. Price, at George Town, Tex.

This Lieutenant John H. Little, of Maine, to be a Second-Lieutenant in the Revenue Service.

The Senate rejected the following nominations of Comptroller Superintendents:

John S. Dutton, for the 1st District of Mississippi; John D. Lynch, 11th District of Mississippi.

THE COURTS.

HOW MRS. MERRILL MADE HER WILL INTERESTING TESTIMONY IN THE SURROGATE'S COURT.

Some interesting testimony was given in the Merrill will case yesterday before Surrogate Calvin Bishop Francis McNeilson, of Albany, was on the stand to testify to some talk he had with Mrs. Merrill in Rome several years ago. He narrated some conversations in which she gave her opinion of the character of Bishop Bacon. He found nothing peculiar in her dress, and thought she spoke rationally.

J. G. Glover, a lawyer formerly practising in this city, testified that he was introduced to Mrs. Merrill by a letter from Bishop Bacon, of Portland. In the Spring of 1871 she came to his office with a will she had made a year before. She said she was not satisfied with its provisions. It gave \$50,000 to Bishop Bacon, \$50,000 to Archdeacon McCloskey, \$5,000 to Caroline Salter, some small bequests to other friends, and all the residue to the New-York Hospital. She then gave him directions for drawing a new will, making Bishop Bacon the residuary legatee.

This will was afterward executed, and he and the testatrix for probate. They talked together for some time over the different provisions, particularly the one leaving so little to her relatives. Mrs. Glover remarked that she had not left anything to her relatives. Her answer was that her husband had not left anything to his relatives either. The lawyer asked her what her idea was of a good will. She said she wanted to leave nothing to her husband, and that he would be better off if he were dead. In the Spring of 1871 this young man cut his ears off. It is absurd and ridiculous to my mind. It is a part of that system of ethics that have been adopted upon me.

Mr. MAXLEY (Dem., Tex.) favored a thorough, complete, and searching investigation into this alleged outrage. In his report the House recommended that no action be taken except to go to the aid of the students there so discredited that I intend to lend my aid, on all occasions, to every effort to assist and to give the students a hearing, and to do all that I can to assist them in their humane and civil rights. It ought to go down.

There is something in that summary of war to insure young men with a sort of taste for brutality and savagery, and to inflict upon them a punishment which they deserve.

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Mr. BURNSIDE (Rep., R. I.)—Credly has never to my knowledge been perpetrated on any aged premeditatedly. I am in favor of investigating this matter, but I do not believe that it is worth while to go to the aid of that Point is worse than other institutions. The practice of hazing ought to be stopped in all colleges.

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